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BY WALTER C. SCHAAF. Having been asked for the second an article on the double mating of brown Leghorns, and not being a breeder of them, I looked up the poultry records, and find that Mr. Herman, in the Inland Poultry Journal, covers the subject. Says Mr. Rick

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ored female of good size that has been line-bred for several years. Choose male with good head points, well up on yellow legs, hackle striped with orange, or better still, a goiden shade of lemon, borders preferred. The back color should be a soft orange, a little stippling and striping preferred. Tall should be well spread, carried at an angle of fifty degrees, with wing bow a light shade of red.

After many years of experience I have found that better results come from mating a male with a little striping in back. I give close attention to the bird as an individual, but I lay a great deal more stress on his breeding and the sire and dam back of him, and the general shape and color of the females, showing his blood lines.

You will notice that I prefer a little striping in back of male. I have reached this conclusion after experimenting for many years. Some breeders choose males with no striping in back and claim that the best results are obtained, but I beg to differ with them, as the finest backs and wings to match that I have ever seen on pullets were produced by mating a male with a striped back. I have also found that a pinched tail in pullets is the result of a too low tail carriage on the male.

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The male above described should be mated to standard colored females of good size and shape; combs should be small and smooth, and fall to one side of head, the first spike standing erect, a good lobe and red eye. They should have good striped hackle, with black centre and rich golden shade of lemon borders with a soft even brown, finely stippled backs and wing bows, free from shafting and brick, with low, well-spread tail carriage, and standing well up on rich yellow legs.

To Produce Exhibition Males.

Experience has taught me that in producing exhibition males the best results come from mating as follows; I select a male with a small comb and general good head points. The bird should be of good size and shape, and well up on yellow legs; the tail carriage at an angle of forty-five degrees; hackle should be well striped with cherry red borders without a red shaft in quill of stripping. Color in hackle and back should match as nearly as possible and be of a good dark under-color. Above all, avoid breeding a lemon-colored or a smutty hackle, or a real purple wing bow.

I have given a great deal of attention to the females which I choose to produce the finest exhibition males. Here are some of the points which I take into consideration: Females should be bred in line for cockerels for several years. They should be of a dark color, having coarsely stippled backs, and they should be well up on dusky yellow legs. The comb should be very small, standing erect, and having four or rive points. The female should have a good, red eye, good striped hackle, with borders of rich color, not a lemon shade. The head and side of neck should have a good reddish shade.

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Virginia is not generally regarded as a cotton growing State, although a great deal of the fleedy staple is grown in several counties. Virginia will produce more cetton this year than ever before in its history, perhaps. The high price of the staple, with indications that it is going to stay high, has induced many farmers in the eastern counties bordering on the Carolina line to plant more cotton, and I know of several towns that are establishing gins for the accommodation of nearby farmers. South Hill, in Mecklenburg county, is going largely into the cotton ginning business, I am told.

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The St. Louis Globe-Democrat remarks:

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out of the fact that the natives of many sections have not yet reached the point of appraising their landed property at its new values. They stick to the old figures, or to an approximation thereof, making but small advances over the quetations of earlier years."

True, very true. In some parts of the South, notably in Virginia, we have some very curious tax laws and some very curiously minded assessors. But the question of equalization of taxation and honest assessments belongs to the editorial department, not to the Industrial Section, and it is getting a good deal of attention in the aforementioned department, too.

A State-Wide Question.

It being now very much in order to quiz candidates for the Legislature as to how they will vote on certain questions that may come before the law-making and law-unmaking body, I would like to ask every candidate in the State, without regard to party affiliations: In the event of your election to the Legislature will you vote for a bill abolishing that abominable ad valorem tax on deeds, mortgages and other records pertaining to the transfer of real estate? This question is asked in the interest of a long-suffering public. Now, gentlemen, kindly come across, not all at once, but come before voting time, if you please.

Traces Left by Louists.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Woodstock, Va. August 12.—A trip through the woods and forest of this section reveals the fact that the cleads, or seventeen-year locusts, left very preceptible traces of their visit during the early part of the summer, for in some places at the first glance the trees appear to be dead. A second glance, however, shows that the injury to the trees appears only at the end of the small twigs, which were killed by the sting of the female in depositing her eggs. The damage has been done in spots, and it is not believed that the trouble will be permanent.

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